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**REASONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Applicant is providing herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement which includes prior art cited in Applicant's previously filed U.S. Design Patent Application Serial No. 29/186,749 filed July 22, 2003, which application issued on June 29, 2004 as U.S. Design Patent No. D492,185. This prior art was provided to Applicant with the Notice of Allowance of the design case dated February 25, 2004 and was inadvertently omitted when the present application was filed on May 4, 2004.

Applicant is also providing herewith a photocopy of a digital photograph of a combination padlock manufactured by Sellery, Inc. out of California, the photograph disclosing the actual combination padlock device as well as the advertising piece or instruction sheet which

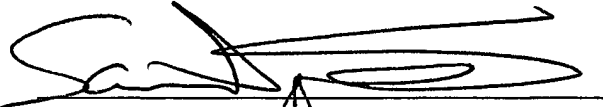
accompanied the device. This device was known to Applicant prior to the filing of the present application and was submitted as part of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement in the previously filed U.S. Design Patent Application Serial No. 29/186,749, now U.S. Design Patent No. D492,185. Here again, the photocopy of the enclosed digital photograph was inadvertently omitted with Applicant's electronic Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application.

The Sellery combination padlock discloses a combination lock suitable for use with luggage, tool boxes, key rings and so forth and enables the user to select a personal resettable combination of numbers for opening the combination lock. The Sellery padlock also discloses a moveable arm member as illustrated on the advertising piece or instruction sheet. Importantly, the elongated transverse member associated with the Sellery padlock is not adaptable for receiving the apertures associated with the prongs of a typical electrical plug. Also, importantly, if it were possible to engage the prongs of an electrical plug with the transverse member of the Sellery padlock, such prongs could be maneuvered so as to extend beyond the terminal end portions of the arm members and such prongs could be maneuvered so as to extend beyond the periphery of the arm members. Other differences and limitations are set forth in the present application. The locking device disclosed in the present U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/709,418 is patentably distinguishable over all of the known constructions disclosed in the submitted prior art.

Applicant is submitting this request for continued examination so as to properly place the above-referenced prior art before the Examiner during prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

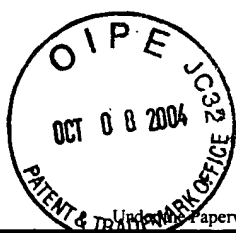
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